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SINCE PRESIDENT AND YOU NOW HAVE MY PRELIMINARY REPORT BELIEVE
YOU MIGHT GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO DESIRABILITY MY STOP-

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PING PARIS FOR BRIEF REPORT NATO REPS ON WAY HOME. THEY HAVE BEEN EXPECTING MY VISIT AND THEIR GENERAL SENSITIVITY TO BEING KEPT INFORMED IS WELL-KNOWN. AWARE OF POSSIBLE COMPLICATION REGARDING DE GAULLE VISIT IF I DO STOP OVER BUT INCLINED TO FEEL IT WOULD BE TOO POINTED TO BY-PASS PARIS NOW. BELIEVE I COULD LEAVE PARIS MONDAY AFTERNOON ARRIVING WASHINGTON THAT EVENING. WOULD PLAN CONFINE MY REPORT ON KHRUSHCHEV INTERVIEW TO GENERAL TONE RATHER THAN PARTICULARS. THOMPSON FEELS STRONGLY I SHOULD PERSONALLY EMPHASIZE TO NATO HEADS IMPORTANCE OF STANDING FIRM DUE TO EMPHASIS KHRUSHCHEV PLACES ON VULNERABILITY OF ALLIES AND HIS APPARENT RELIANCE ON DIVIDING US. PLAN LEAVE HERE SUNDAY MORNING. ITINERARY DEPENDENT ON YOUR REPLY THIS TELEGRAM

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